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1. With relegation of [] from base [] to field station [] on 1 November 1950, crypto devices held with area field stations and with WASH were transferred to MECA Headquarters. [] pads now constitute the sole crypto link with, of course, [] pads being held in reserve for emergency use. To these may be added those pads associated with [] signal plans and to be held jointly with the base station.

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2. All classified documents and post record materials no longer of use to this office were in like manner removed to MECA Headquarters or destroyed by burning. Only subject matter essential to current operations has been retained. Cable and dispatch files back-date 30 days only.

3. Equipment removal is still in progress. Receivers and typewriters constitute the principal excess items on hand. The Wilcox 96-C and T-4/FRC transmitters will be disassembled and shipped to [] for storage as soon as practicable.

4. All downtown [] offices of the COMMO section have been vacated. The only office is maintained at the receiving site []. Classified data has been placed in a single Remington Rand safe-file and segregated according to the order in which it is to be destroyed. For this purpose a burn-trash barrel and two emergency containers of gasoline are kept in an annex to the building proper, the door to which is under lock and key. Destruction of all registered documents and classified papers shall be the responsibility of the OIC.

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5. Equipment destruction shall be the responsibility of the Station technician - prime targets, the transmitting site and diesel shack. First in order of importance will be the RT-1 transmitters and then as will be surplus to emergency communications or evacuation needs (overland convey). One axe has been placed in the Quonset (xstr) hut for this purpose. In so far as the limited destruction devices and the time factor will allow, major transmitting apparatus will be rendered inoperative. The diesel generators may be self-sabotaged easily and effectively.

6. The third man (operator) shall spread as much havoc as possible within the receiving site, itself. However, only limited damage to receivers and teletype equipment is possible. No destruction facilities exist at this time.

7. Minimum and practical necessities: two sledge hammers. May purchase locally if not available at supply depot.

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8. The above plans are predicated on the basis of a three-man station in its present location. A fourth man would assist in destruction at the transmitter site. This, then, is the general outline of destruction. The exact nature of the emergency shall determine the order and extent of destruction. Do you advise the extremes of fire and/or explosives? Maintenance of emergency communications during the destruction processes is also a probable and important factor. Please cable reply to paras 7 and 8. Your comments and criticism welcome.

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